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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT,
AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2009 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions for a two month extension of time to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including March 9, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed within the paid-for extensions of time.

The USPTO is authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$490.00 to cover the two month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). Applicant believes that no other fees are due. However, in the event that additional fees are required to enter this response, the USPTO is authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

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